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For: SOUND ENCODING METHOD AND SOUND DECODING METHOD, AND
SOUND ENCODING DEVICE AND SOUND DECODING DEVICE

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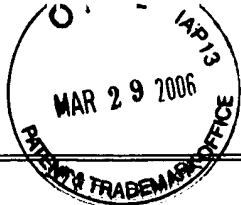
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